

CHARGES ARE WITHDRAWN

Mr. Quarles Willing to Let the Matter Drop, and It Will End There.

THE RETAIL CLERKS

The Census Enumerators Report an Increase in All the Wards of the City.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, Va., March 29.—The charges against Superintendent Williams, of the almshouse, will in all probability be dropped. Mr. J. R. Quarles, who preferred the charges, has signified his willingness to let the matter drop. Mr. Quarles, who conducts a dairy near the city, alleged that the almshouse superintendent was carrying on a dairy business without authority of the board of overseers.

The first anniversary meeting of the Retail Clerks' Association of Petersburg was held to-night at A. P. Hill Camp Hall. An interesting programme for the occasion was arranged by the committee in charge and invitations to the celebration were tendered the Petersburg retail merchants and their clerks.

INCREASED CENSUS.

After several weeks of careful work the census enumerators are putting the finishing touches upon their report, and the results of the census will be spread before the Common Council on Friday. In all the six wards of the city there has been an increase in the population since the last Federal census, and in the Sixth Ward this increase is \$56, Fourth and Fifth Wards will show an increase of about 100 inhabitants.

Mr. Hugh R. Smith, commissioner of the revenue, has appointed the following deputies to take the tax lists of the city: First Ward, F. C. Slaughter; Second, D. P. Scott; Third, Samuel P. Rees; Fourth, John P. Plummer; Fifth, John H. Havill; Sixth, W. T. Z. Stephens.

PETERSBURG AT LAUNCHING.

Petersburg will furnish a large delegation to the Virginia launching in Newport News next week. A special train will be run by the Seaboard Air Line by way of Richmond, and the steamers from Petersburg and City Point will carry many delegates to the launching.

PERSONAL.

Mr. George Cameron, Jr., after an absence of several months in Europe and Australia, has returned to his home in Petersburg.

Mrs. J. Spooner Epps is in Suffolk, Va., visiting her mother, Mrs. J. B. Booker. Mrs. Homer Atkinson has returned from a visit of several weeks in Georgia. Some improvement is reported in the condition of Mr. Emmott Badger.

SMALLPOX IN LOUISA.

James Smith Comes Home From Lynchburg With the Disease.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., March 29.—James Smith came home from Lynchburg with the disease. Since the time a genuine case of smallpox has developed. He has been quarantined in an isolated house. Every precaution possible has been taken by the board of health to prevent its spreading. The ground is slightly covered with snow to-day, and the grass prospects are improving. The winter crop is pretty near a failure.

Many of the public schools will close this week.

The doors of the new State Bank at Mineral Va., are expected to open for business early in April.

Miss Eva Atkinson, of Fredericksburg, after a protracted sojourn in Richmond visiting her friends, Mrs. Foyers, on West Avenue, has returned home.

Mr. Horace Crank and Mr. Garland Spicer spent yesterday in Richmond.

Spicer and his little daughter, of Norfolk, visited the home of Mr. E. H. Spicer Monday.

Dr. E. P. Walker, who has been confined to her room for more than a month, is now convalescent.

Mr. Wellington Kuper is very ill; the doctors have been attending to his recovery. Many of our people expect to attend the launching of the Virginia next week.

EJECTION CASE.

Verdict for Defendants in the Dickenson County Suit.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CLINTWOOD, Va., March 29.—The jury in the ejection case of the Interstate Coal and Iron Company, plaintiff, against the Clintwood Coal and Timber Company, defendant, in Dickenson county, before Judge H. A. W. Skeen, returned a verdict Friday for the defendant. This case involved a tract of about 100 acres of very valuable coal lands on McClure River, in this county, and the case was very hotly contested on both sides. The plaintiff claimed the land under patents issued to Richard Smith, of England, about 1787, and the defendant claimed under Jasper Sutherland, who had had the land in possession since 1861.

There has been considerable interest taken in this case, and a number of other lands are involved in the same way. The case no doubt will be carried to the higher courts. The plaintiff was represented by J. B. Bullock of Big Spring Gap, Va.; Judge W. A. Ayers, of Lebanon, Va.; and J. C. Smith, of Clintwood, Va., while the defendant was represented by M. Fulton, of O. M. Vicks, of Wise; Roland B. Chase, Judge A. A. Skeen, and S. H. Sutherland, of this place.

DECAPITATED BODY.

Dr. Gorman Springs From His Buggy as It Is Struck by Train.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 29.—The decapitated body of a young negro was brought here this morning from the railroad yards just west of this city, where it was discovered at a late hour last night, having been killed by one of the many locomotives in the yards. It was at first thought that the body was that of Robert Howies, a young negro who was wanted at Clifton Forge for the murder of Mr. John A. Ruff on March 21.

The body was examined by the police and the head of the man was found to bear a marked resemblance to the picture of Howies, but other marks of identification were lacking. The body was buried by Justice Bowie, of Fairfax, a verdict was reached of death from accident.

Dr. E. A. Gorman had a narrow escape from death this morning, as he was crossing the Southern Railroad track at the intersection of King and Henry streets. The locomotive in charge of Engineer Rice, struck his horse and buggy, but Dr. Gorman escaped by jumping from the vehicle. He was somewhat injured by the jump, but he was not otherwise hurt. The horse had to be shot.

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MARY JOHNSTON'S great new novel

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HARPER & BROTHERS

MATTER OF BOOKKEEPING

Dissolution of Railroads Due to Failure to Pay Dividends.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, Va., March 29.—It is positively denied that there is to be a reversal of the property of the Old Dominion Railway Company of Portsmouth to the former owners in Philadelphia.

It is not denied, however, that there may be an early arrangement under which the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News Railway Company may take over the lines operated formerly by the Old Dominion Railway and subsequently merged into the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News Company, when that corporation look over the lines between Newport News and Old Point, the ferries, and the Norfolk and Atlantic Terminal Company.

Indications to-day are that the Portsmouth street railway lines and the ferries are to be reversioned to the control of Baltimore, which originally controlled them.

It is understood that the Williams interest will retain their holdings in the separate properties, but that he disavows the ownership of all the electric and trolley lines in Tidewater Virginia, which was started last year, will be, by the withdrawal of the Norfolk and Atlantic Terminal Company and by the Newport News and Old Point lines, owned by S. Brown, Alexander and Sons, of Baltimore, will be completed by reversioning to their separate parts the Norfolk Railway and Light Company, the Ocean View Railway, the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News Railway Company, and the Norfolk county ferries.

MATTER OF BOOKKEEPING.

The present dissolution is said to be due to the failure to the combined companies to earn a sufficient amount to pay dividends and interest on the various bonds and securities issued by the combination of the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News Company.

The dissolution is said to be now only a question of a separation of the bookkeeping department of the various lines. The police are endeavoring to solve the mystery of a supposed attempt to blow up the Connecticut Pie Company's plant here. A driver discovered a box of spices on fire and a fuse leading therefrom to what is said to have been a stick of dynamite in the factory. The fire was extinguished and the matter is now under investigation.

TUNIS LUMBER COMPANY.

The United States Court was occupied Tuesday early in April with the case of the Tunis Lumber Company, of which the company is the proprietor of the receivership of the company.

The Maryland people interested, Mrs. Georgiana Wilson's heirs, those of Jacob Spicer and his little daughter, of Washington, Baltimore, and Norfolk, are making a strong fight for the control of the property, which was wrested from them by the Wiley interest.

PRIMARY CONTEST.

To-morrow morning the reception of the taking of testimony in the Democratic primary contest. It is understood that a great volume of rebuttal testimony will be introduced by the administration party. The anti-reform element is anxious to know what the result will be.

The chairman of the reform party, will go upon the stand to combat the charges that have been brought against him during the hearing, to the effect that he did not alter the tally sheets.

WEDDING CARDS.

Teachers' Institute to be Held in April—Round Club Banquet.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINCHESTER, Va., March 29.—Mrs. Anna Satterlee, of No. 42 South Market street, has announced the approaching marriage of her daughter, Miss Berenice Melleot, to Mr. William Adelman Drago, a well known young attorney and thirty-second degree Mason, of Red Key, N. Y.

The ceremony is to take place next Tuesday afternoon at the residence of the bride's mother, at 430 e. c. After a reception the young couple will leave for their Indiana home. The bride is a pretty and popular girl.

Rev. J. Ryland Murdock, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will leave in a few days for Colorado for his health, which has become impaired.

Sunday was a street Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Rev. C. D. Bulla, the pastor, announced that eight persons had contributed about a thousand dollars with which to purchase a lot adjoining the church edifice, and asked that a chapel be erected upon it. Before the day was over, three thousand dollars had been subscribed for this purpose. This church has raised seven thousand six hundred dollars this year.

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A GRUESOME WAR RELIC

Plucked Button From Disinterred Confederate Officer's Coat for Ornament.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., March 29.—Stock is being liberally subscribed to by the citizens of Fredericksburg for the Horse Show Association, which will give its first exhibition here in June next. In a few days the officers will be elected, and it is expected that the show will be one of the best in the State.

With a few days of bright, warm weather, all of the fishing shores of this section will be in full blast. Already good catches are being made at Marlborough on the Potomac, in Stafford county, and the fish are sold at fine prices.

The people of Carter's Creek neighborhood, in Lancaster county, are anxious for the river steamer Caroline, of the Weems line, which plies between this city and Urbanna, to extend its schedule to Irvington, as the people of that thickly settled and prosperous part of the North-ern Neck are anxious to have the additional facilities for trading in this city.

An absolute divorce has been granted by Judge A. T. Embery, of the Corporation Court, in this city, to the plaintiff, Mr. Charles H. Wissner, from his wife, Bertha D. Wissner.

Large barges have arrived here from Philadelphia this week to be loaded with railroad ties for that market.

The property on Main street in this city, owned by the estate of B. Willis Howard, was sold at auction and purchased by Duff Green for \$3,600.

Officer C. A. Gore, of this city, has a war relic of which he is very proud. It is a brass button from the uniform of a Confederate soldier whose remains were recently disinterred on the Bloody Angle battlefield, in Spotsylvania, and brought to the Confederate Cemetery here for burial. Mr. Gore has had the button made into an ornament.

Mr. A. W. Maxwell has this season set out in his farm, in Spotsylvania county, 4,500 strawberry plants, 300 raspberry and blackberry plants and 10 peach trees.

Mr. J. W. Flewelen has sold his farm, in Orange county, and purchased one in Halifax county, where, with his family, he will reside.

Rev. J. W. Smith, of the Methodist Church, of this city, who has been sick for two months or more, is now rapidly recovering, and is spending some time at Ashland.

NEW MICA MINE.

Two Cars Destroyed in a Freight Collision.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHATHAM, Va., March 29.—The mica mine which was discovered near this place last week, and is said to be operated on a small scale. A few small shipments have been made with good returns.

In a freight collision at Dry Fork Sunday afternoon two cars were very badly damaged. Both were lightly loaded. No body was hurt.

Richmonder Claims Bride.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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FREDERICKSBURG, Va., March 29.—Mr. Walter Thompson, of Richmond, and Miss Ella Anne Hogan, of this city, were married here last night at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. Deatur Edwards. They left last night for their home in Richmond.

THEY ACTUALLY DO THE WORK

Food Eaten Is Worthless Unless Digested—Some Stomachs Must Have Help.

Food taken into the stomach, while of the nature of the food or the condition of the stomach, is not digested, is worse than no food at all. This is a true statement as far as it goes and a great many dyspepsias go only this far with their reasoning. They argue with themselves that because their stomachs do not do the work given them, they must be given less work; in other words, they must be starved. It would be just as sensible for a business man who is unable to do his own work to cut down his business to his own capacity as it is for a man to starve himself to relieve his stomach. The sensible business man employs help and goes forward with his business. Likewise, the sensible man employs help to help his stomach and give his body proper nourishment.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets actually do the work assigned to them. They relieve weak and overburdened stomachs, and greatly increase the efficiency of the digestive fluids and secretions of the stomach and they simply take up the grind and carry on the work just the same as a good, strong, healthy stomach would do it.

On this account Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are perfectly natural in their action and effects. They do not cause any unnatural or violent disturbance in the stomach or bowels. They themselves digest the food and supply the system with all the nourishment contained in what is eaten and carry out Nature's plans for the sustenance and maintenance of the body.

How much more sensible is this method than that employed by many sufferers from weak stomachs. By this means the body and brain get all the good, nutritious food they need and the man properly nourished and equipped to carry out his duties. He could not possibly be in proper working condition by starving himself or employing some new fangled, insufficient food that does not contain enough nutriment for a year-old baby. A strong man doing strong work must be properly fed and this applies to the brain as well as to the body.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, by relieving the stomach of its work, enable it to regenerate and regain its normal health and strength. Nature repairs the worn and wasted tissues just as she heals and knits the bone of a broken limb, which is, of course, not used during the process of repair.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are for sale by all druggists at 50 cents a box, and they are the one article that the druggist does not try to sell something in the place of. They are just as good as gold, and they are the one article that the universal demand for them has placed them within the reach of every one.

Colored Church Burned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ELLERSON, Va., March 29.—Pleasant Grove (colored) Church, which was situated here, was burned early this morning. There had been no fire in the church since Sunday, and it is supposed that the fire was started by a colored churchman in the county, and the loss will be about eight hundred dollars.

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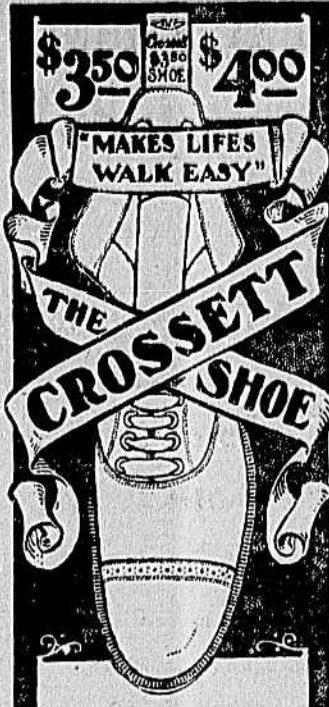
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Walters—Waugh.

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Be Comfortable.

It doesn't cost any more to get a shoe which is both comfortable and stylish than to get a cheap one. Crockett's are built right.

If YOU desire shoes that keep them, wear them. I will tell you who does.

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NORTH ABINGTON, MASS.

BILLION POUNDS OF TOBACCO

Danville Makes a New Record as a Leaf Market.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DANVILLE, Va., March 29.—To-day was the banner day for the tobacco trade here for the present season, nearly a billion pounds of tobacco being disposed of. Most of the offerings were from the wagon trade, and the crush of wagons in some parts of the city last night was a sight to be remembered in the history of the city.

Despite the fact that there was so much tobacco on the market, the demand was strong, and the prices in the afternoon were a shade better than in the morning.

President Boatwright, of the local Board of Tobacco Trade, said this morning to The Times-Dispatch representative this month would probably be a record-breaker in the sale of tobacco.

He is of opinion also that more money has changed hands here for the week than any previous month in the history of the city. He thinks the result to-day easily places Danville in the forefront as the best leaf market in the world.

HANOVER HINTS.

Pushing Work on Telephone.

Farmers' Club Meet.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MONTPELIER, Va., March 29.—A delightful lunch party was given at the home of Mr. Fred Thompson Friday evening. A number of guests were present, and all greatly enjoyed the occasion.

Work is still being pushed on the Merchants' and Farmers' telephone line, which will extend from this place to Richmond.

Mr. Jackson Edleton, of this place, received \$37 per hundred for tobacco on the Richmond market. The price was paid for this kind of tobacco on the Richmond market.

The farmers are backward in burning their plant beds and doing other spring work on account of the wet weather.

The William Nelson Farmers' Club met at "Edgewood," the home of Mr. Fenton Nelson, last Saturday. A number of interesting farm topics were discussed.

The public schools of Beaver Dam District will be run six and one-half or seven months.

Funeral of Major Thomas.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SUFFOLK, Va., March 29.—The funeral of the late Major Richard Sidney Thomas, of the Seventy-first regiment, will take place at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning from Christ Church, Smithfield, Va. The following companies, composing the Third Battalion, of which the deceased was major, will attend in ranks: D. of Hampton, Captain Couch; C. of Newport News, Captain Johnson; E. of Suffolk, Captain Jordan; G. of Newport News, Captain Gilkerson; Colonel Higgins, of the 101st Infantry, of the 1st Division, of the United States Army, and other staff officers will be present. The flag over Armory Hall, Norfolk, to-day was at half-mast.

Seaboard Mortgage.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SUFFOLK, Va., March 29.—A \$500,000 mortgage from the Seaboard Air Line Railway, of the Chesapeake and Potomac of New York and Willard C. King to-day was received for record at the Richmond county clerk's office. The mortgage was issued for \$500,000, gold coupon bonds, maturing in three years.

Good Running Mules.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STAUNTON, Va., March 29.—A mule team belonging to T. J. Hounahan ran to-day near this city and struck the buggy of Hugh Spruiell, which was ridden. The mules were stopped, and the pieces of the buggy were yesterday evening, and started for Staunton, when the mules again ran away and ran into a buggy of H. N. McCutchen, breaking it to pieces.

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A Lady Missing.

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MINERAL, Va., March 29.—Mrs. John Ruff, who mysteriously disappeared from home this morning about 6:30 o'clock, and nothing of her whereabouts has since been located. Her husband, who has been in the fruit trade business for some time, has been absent from home for the past two weeks, and it is thought that she has become somewhat disoriented over his failure to return home at the time she had expected him to return.

A number of the family have been in search of her since morning.

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Four Days of Untold Suffering and No Human Aid Near.

DOG IS ONLY COMPANION

Mr. David White Found Helpless on Floor of His House, Exhausted and Dying.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

HICKORY HILL, HENRICO COUNTY, Va., March 29.—Died of paralysis at his home in Henrico county, Va., Saturday morning, March 26, 1904, David White, in the seventy-second year of his age.

This brief announcement closes the chapter of a sad and pathetic ending of a life, that, like a storm tossed ship, in east high and dry on the bleak and barren sands of a lonely island, there to molder and decay.

Very little is known of his past history. All that the writer can gather from those who knew him is that he was originally from Belfast, Ireland, of Scotch-Irish descent, and a Presbyterian by profession; a man of intelligence, well read and fluent in conversation.

A HERMIT.

He settled near the coal mines, in